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1. RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION OFFICIAL INDICATES THAT EC IS CONTINUING TO CONSIDER HOW AND WHEN TO MAKE A PROPOSAL RELATIVE TO THE LEGALIZATION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LDCS IN THE FRAMEWORK GROUP DISCUSSIONS. ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF EARLY SUBMISSION OF AN EC PROPOSAL IS THAT THIS WOULD STEAL THE INITIATIVE FROM THE LDCS AND INSURE THAT DEBATE TAKES PLACE ON RELATIVELY SAFE GROUND. COMMISSION IDEA IS APPARENTLY THAT SPELLED OUT IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL. CLAUSE IN QUESTION COULD BE INCLUDED AS AN INTERPRETATIVE NOTE TO PART IV OF THE GATT.

2. COMMISSION HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO PRESENT ITS IDEAS, AND IN HOW DEFINITE A FORM, AT THE JUNE MEETING OF THE FRAMEWORK GROUP. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE MEMBER STATES WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE PLACE AT ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. IF WASHINGTON WISHES TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON TACTICS AND STRATEGY ON THIS QUESTION, NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO DO SO. HINTON

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